the Indo-Bangladesh border during the last three years as given below show that Border Security Force is vigilant to check smuggling:—

Item	1996	1997	1998 (upto 30-11-1998)
Salt (Kg) . . .	1699625	3485377	1259904
Sugar (Kg) . . .	1567774	1771870	1215145
Rice (Kg) . . .	783102	56198	524744
Cloth (rupees) .	30824120	34735620	28266873

Crime committed by people living in slums/J.J. clusters

1926. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Police Commissioner of Delhi had stated in a press conference in the month of August that out of about 50 lakh people living in slums and J. J. clusters more than 20 lakh had been engaged in construction work and due to the slump in the construction work these people, particularly the youth, were indulging in various crimes and that is why the crime rate was increasing in the metropolis: and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Commissioner of Police, Delhi had stated that as a large number of slum dwellers in Delhi were engaged in construction work and there was a recession in this activity, the law and order situation had been affected adversely.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to maintain law and order in Delhi include intensification of patrolling especially between 6 P.M. and 10 P.M.; surveillance over the activities of known criminals; improved intelligence gathering; raids over the places of ill repute and suspected hideouts of criminals; and high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas.

Freeing the police force from excessive political control

1927. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked Government to consider constitution of a high level Independent Review Committee (IRC) to go into the recommendations of the Police Commission report as well as suggestions by the National Human Rights Commission to free the force from excessive political control; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the directions of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court dated the 20th July, 1998, the Committee consti-

tuted by the Government submitted its first Report which has been sent for being filed in the Supreme Court as directed by it.

बंगलादेश के वासियों को नागरिकता

1928. श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 22 अगस्त, 1998 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाईम्स" में "सिटीजनशिप ईज ऑन सेल हेयर" शीर्षक से प्राकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि असम एवं अन्य पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में बंगलादेश के लोगों को नागरिकता देने हेतु बड़ी संख्या में दलाल सक्रिय हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गये हैं ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी)

(क) जी हां, श्रीमान।

(ख) और (ग) ऐसे अवैध प्रवासियों को भारतीय नागरिकता का दावा कर सकने में समर्थ बनाने के लिए गैर-कानूनी घुसपैठ और जाली दस्तावेज बनाने की प्रक्रिया में सहायता देने वाले कुछ दलालों और अन्य आवंछनीय तत्वों के बारे में समय-समय रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हुई है। असम सरकार को ऐसे सभी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई करने के लिए निदेश दिए गए हैं।

उत्तरांचल राज्य के संबंध में समिति

1929. श्री मनोहर कांत ध्यानी : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जार्ज फर्नांडिस की अध्यक्षता में उत्तरांचल राज्य बनाने से संबंधित समिति ने सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) पृथक राज्य बनाने संबंधी विधेयक को संसद में कब तक प्रस्तुत किये जाने की संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी) :

(क) समिति की रिपोर्ट की प्रतीक्षा है।

(ख) इस बारे में निर्णय शीघ्र ही लिया जाएगा।

States prone to communal/caste clashes

1930. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the States where communal and caste clashes and bomb blasts have taken place frequently during the last two years;

(b) if so, which are the States; and

(c) whether Government have warned these States to curb such clashes and bomb culture in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Communal and caste related incidents and bomb blasts